

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listing of Claims in the application:

1.-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) A flavored and taste-masked pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of pharmaceutically acceptable cores, said pharmaceutically acceptable cores comprising etoricoxib, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable cores are coated with a flavored taste-masking coating solution in a one-step coating process, and ~~The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 1~~ wherein the flavored taste-masking coating solution comprises the following ingredients:

- (a) hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose,
- (b) polymethacrylate,
- (c) mannitol,
- (d) aspartame,
- (e) artificial cherry flavor,
- (f) monoglyceride, and
- (g) water.

5. (Currently amended) A flavored and taste-masked pharmaceutical composition comprising a plurality of pharmaceutically acceptable cores, said pharmaceutically acceptable cores comprising etoricoxib, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable cores, ~~A flavored and taste-masked pharmaceutical composition in accordance with Claim 1~~ said cores comprising a plurality of microspheres, said microspheres comprising etoricoxib, wherein the microspheres are coated with a flavored taste-masking coating solution in a one-step coating process, the flavored taste-masking coating solution comprising the following ingredients:

- (a) hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose,
- (b) polymethacrylate,
- (c) mannitol,
- (d) aspartame,
- (e) artificial cherry flavor,
- (f) monoglyceride, and
- (g) water.

6. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 5 wherein the ingredients in the flavored taste-masking solution are present in the following amounts:

Excipient Name	%wt/wt of coating solution
Polymethacrylate	about 15
Hydropropylmethyl cellulose (HPMC)	about 3
Mannitol	about 9
Aspartame	about 1
Artificial Cherry Flavour	about 3
Monoglycerides	about 5
Water	about 65

7. (Presently amended) A process for preparing The the pharmaceutical composition according to ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 4 prepared by a process comprising:

- (1) preparing the flavored taste-masking coating solution by combining the following ingredients:
 - (a) at least one taste-masking agent and
 - (b) at least one sweetening agent or at least one flavoring agent or at least one of both,
- (2) coating the pharmaceutical cores with the flavored taste-masking coating solution in a one-step coating process.

8. (Presently amended) The process according to Claim 7 ~~pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 7~~ wherein step 1) ~~for preparing the flavored taste-masking coating solution~~ further comprises adding the following ingredients:

- (a) at least one bulking agent, and
- (b) at least one glidant.

9. (Presently amended) The process ~~pharmaceutical composition~~ according to Claim 7 wherein the pharmaceutical cores are microspheres.

10. (Presently amended) The process pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 7 wherein the flavored taste-masking coating solution is prepared by combining the following ingredients:

- (a) hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose,
- (b) polymethacrylate,
- (c) mannitol,
- (d) aspartame,
- (e) artificial cherry flavor,
- (f) monoglyceride, and
- (g) water.

11. (Presently amended) The process pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 10 wherein the flavored taste-masking coating solution is prepared as follows:

- (a) dissolving hydropropylmethyl cellulose in deionized water;
- (b) adding polymethacrylate and homogenizing; and
- (c) adding mannitol, aspartame, artificial cherry flavor and monoglyceride and homogenizing.

12. (Presently amended) The process pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 11 wherein the ingredients in the flavored taste-masking solution are combined to produce a solution having following amounts:

Excipient Name	%wt/wt of coating solution
Polymethacrylate	about 15
Hydropropylmethyl cellulose (HPMC)	about 3
Mannitol	about 9
Aspartame	about 1
Artificial Cherry Flavour	about 3
Monoglycerides	about 5
Water	about 65

13. (Presently amended) The process pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 7 wherein the pharmaceutical cores are coated using a fluid bed system.

14. (Presently amended) The process pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 13 wherein the pharmaceutical cores are microspheres.

15. (Presently amended) The process ~~pharmaceutical composition~~ according to Claim 5 prepared by a process comprising:

- (1) preparing the flavored taste-masking coating solution as follows:
 - (a) dissolving hydropropylmethyl cellulose in deionized water;
 - (b) adding polymethacrylate and homogenizing; and
 - (c) adding mannitol, aspartame, artificial cherry flavor and monoglyceride and homogenizing; and
- (2) coating the microspheres with the flavored taste-masking coating solution in a one-step coating process.

16. (Presently amended) The process ~~pharmaceutical composition~~ according to Claim 15 wherein the ingredients in the flavored taste-masking solution are combined to produce a solution having following amounts:

Excipient Name	%wt/wt of coating solution
Polymethacrylate	about 15
Hydropropylmethyl cellulose (HPMC)	about 3
Mannitol	about 9
Aspartame	about 1
Artificial Cherry Flavour	about 3
Monoglycerides	about 5
Water	about 65